

# Belgian Laces



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Dear Members,

*Summer is in full swing.. for some of us, it is even running on its last legs, with school starting in only a few weeks.*

*For us, the summer was very busy with kids and grandkids, lots of company from Europe and our trip to Pennsylvania for the Centennial celebration of Charleroi. Read all about it in the report by my wife Leen in this issue.*

*From Charleroi we brought back about thirty booklets: The Walloons in the U.S.A. with text and photos (color and b & w) by Jean Ducat, president of BAHA B; Thierry Eggerickx, Research scientist at the Catholic University of Louvain and Dominic Tombeur who did the maps and drawings . We have about the same number of Centennial of (I.arl.rci by the same author, with many photo reproductions. They are available for six dollars for both, mailing included, first come, first served.*

*For our members who are immigrants to the U.S. themselves, the linguistic and ethnic diversity of Belgium is a well known factor. We have however received several indications from members whose ancestors left Belgium several generations ago and who have considerable problems in understanding the labels "Fleming" and "Walloon". Without going into the historical background of the situation, I think it might be helpful if I explained that the Flemings inhabit the Northern part of Belgium, called Flanders, and are of Germanic heritage, speaking Flemish, which is a Netherlandic language, like Dutch. The Walloon inhabit the Southern part of Belgium, called Wallonia, and speak French and/or Walloon, a Romance language related to French. Although Belgium is not the only European country with a similar linguistic and cultural diversity, in Belgium it has created considerable tensions and problems through the age..*

*In this issue there is an article by Linda Denier, in which she talks about some new strategies developed by the Belgian government in an effort to divert and diminish the rivalries between the two groups.*

*I hope this will clarify so of the confusion among our members of Belgian Heritage.*

*Please permit me, to make once again, an urgent request to the individual BAHA groups across the nation for your participation in Belgian Laces. We represent your only national newsletter, that informs about the activities in which your local group is involved. We have a regular contribution from Mary Ann Defnet with her Wisconsin Corner, as well as from Micheline Gaudette. We are sure that our members are interested in what the different groups do and your activities will inspire others.*

*The next edition of Belgian Laces will be forthcoming Mid November. Deadline for submission of articles, notes, queries, etc, by September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1990.*

*Pierre*

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## ABOUT THE CHARLEROI/PA EXHIBITION

By Jean Pierre Roland

Delegate of the Walloon Region and the French Community of Belgium at the Belgian Embassy in Washington DC

The Walloons have always been proud of their technical skills, and, when forced to exile for one or other reason, they never left their knowledge behind. It was first of all metal workers who went to Sweden in the seventeenth century, it was masons who built the Polish Cathedral of Gniesno, it was the best businessman of his time, Pierre Minuit, who bought Manhathan in 1624, it was farmers who mastered the Wisconsin woods, it was again, metalworker<sup>5</sup> and glassmakers who let Charleroi, Floreffe, Jeannette come to birth. Walloon names can be found in many American States: although the most important concentration is in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, many more can be heard elsewhere: Cuvelier, Derenne, Draize, Fieron, Hordis, Lampereur, Massart, Mathu, Monfils, Wautlet, Zabeau, to name just a few, are of Walloon origin. Some were famous, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt was certainly not the least. Americans of Walloon descent still dwell everywhere in the United States.

Today's Walloons take exemple of their great predecessors: our engineers designed such networks as the Cairo trolleys, the Paris subway or the Chinese railroads. Of course our world is now different: the Portland Oregon light rail is not

enough, and we had to diversify: not only are we still specialists in glass and steel, but along come biotech, tennis rackets, abbey beer, billiard balls and cyclotrons. But the best thing you can do to visualize the inventive mind of Wallonia is to imagine your kids watching TV, and never seeing our Smurfs appear on the screen, or, even worse, Dixieland jazz without a saxophone (That's right, Adolphe Sax was Walloon).

The moment of this exhibition is particularly welcome. It is the time when Wallonia (making with Brussels the French Community of Belgium) has gained its institutional autonomy as a region, the equivalent of a State in the US. In that respect, we now have Delegations in different countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, North and South Americas.

Finally aware of our roots, we thus are fully equipped to do what we have always wanted to do: open ourselves to our neighbors in mutual confidence, on end to keep a prosperous Wallonia, to build a free and United Europe, to facilitate the establishment of foreign investors, and, last but not least, to fortify our historical, cultural, and, why be ashamed of saying so, sentimental ties to our Walloon cousins in what was to become that marvelous nation known as the United States of America.

### Dad and I

The last time my dad and I were together, I was in Nashville, where he and Mom lived. The two of us were in the car. He was driving, in his cowboy hat and coat. We were enjoying the moment. Then I looked at him chewing on his pipe, and was suddenly deeply moved. I had to say what was on my heart. It took a lot of nerve for me to speak up because he was so reserved. I said, "I just want to thank you for being my father. I think you're the greatest man I ever met and I love you." He smiled slowly before he said, "Yes, son, that's very nice." — "Dad, I'd like to hear you say it, too." — "What?" — "Do you like me?" — "Well, I love you." — "Then let me hear it." — And he did. Three weeks later he was gone. John Ritter.

## **THE CHARLEROI CENTENNIAL — a report by**

Leen Inghels

Mc Kean Avenue, the street named after the original owner of the land on which Charleroi, PA was created in 1890, is in full color. The sun just above us, is giving us temperatures in the 90's with a humidity factor of about 85 %. Old fashioned lampposts on both sides of the Street, like the ones that still line the streets in the old parts of Brussels or London, proudly carry the centennial colors: American, Belgian, Walloon, Charleroi flags alternate, giving the main thoroughfare of the city a festive atmosphere.

In the 1980s, in preparation of this Centennial the Charleroi civic leaders spearheaded a \$ 3 million face lift of Mc Kean Avenue, beautifying the street and the sidewalks by planting trees, improving the parkings, installing the old fashioned lampposts every 30 feet, giving the avenue a real 1900 look.

This was our happy first impression of this Pennsylvanian city when Pierre and I drove into town July 3rd to participate in the centennial festivities and to see Father Jean Ducat, founder of the Belgian American Heritage Association, Belgium (from here on referred to as BAHA-B) and president of the Musee Royal d'Archeologie et de Paleontologie de Charleroi (Archeological Museum of Charleroi Belgium). He was accompanied by Mr. Marcel Brasseur, Vice President of the Musee Royal d'Archeologie, and by their interpreter Mr. Roger Dardenne, Educator and past Consultant for the French Program in the State of Louisiana. We were not to meet Father Ducat nor his colleagues until the next day. These three men brought with them an extensive exhibit on Walloon-American history, featuring photographs and texts relating the history of art, architecture and economic developments of both cities Charleroi/B and Charleroi/PA.

We met them when they were frantically putting the final touches on the show, which was to open that very day. The exhibit, which was installed at 528 McKean Ave, is the result of many years of

ardent research and uncountable hours of patient and meticulous work on the part of these historians. We want to reaffirm here how much we appreciate their efforts to bring this show to the United States, offering the people of Charleroi, PA a chance to get an impression of the land of their ancestors. Thank you Father Ducat and Marcel.

The Belgium Exchange Committee from Charleroi, PA under the able leadership of Marian Hank and

Lilliane Schrock had made arrangements for the visit of a sizeable delegation from Charleroi/B. This committee organized among other activities a very successful banquet at the American Legion facilities July 2nd. This banquet was attended by 125 people. Thank you Marian, and Lilliane!

The delegation was hosted the next day by the Pittsburgh BAHA, Marian Whitehair, president. There the delegation was treated to an extensive visit of Pittsburgh and surroundings, complete with a boat-tour on the three rivers. Again in true American fashion, the day culminated in a delicious dinner.

Thank you, Pittsburgh BAHA!

Unfortunately Pierre and I arrived only late afternoon that day and missed the opportunity to meet and visit with our Pittsburgh members. Later that week we had a chance,

thanks to Emil Delestienne to make up some of this loss. More about this great meter of our society later in the report.

On the fourth of July Father Jean Ducat accompanied by the special delegate from the Belgian Embassy in Washington, DC, Mr. Jean-Pierre Roland opened and dedicated the exhibit. Present also at the Ceremony where Father Ralph Hoffmann from Chesterton, IN; Willy Seron and Jules Van Doren, special envois from the city of Charleroi, B; Marcel Dresser and Roger Dardenne, co-workers of Father Ducat Mayor Mathew Cowell, and other city officials from Charleroi PA; Pierre Inghels, president of The Belgian Researchers and BAHA USA; the leaders of the diverse Centennial organizing Committees as well as any other citizens and interested people from the area. The opening prayer was offered by our member Father Ralph Hoffmann. He thanked the Lord for his blessings and protection over our ancestors, who so valiantly had taken the risk to start a new life in this unknown and far away country.

Mr Willy Seron conveyed the congratulations and best wishes from the city fathers in Charleroi/B and spoke about the renewed relationships between the two cities, what they meant and still mean to each other and he expressed the hope that mutual visits will continue in the future. Mr. Jean-Pierre Roland brought the greetings from the Belgian Ambassador in Wash.DC, the Honorable Herman de Hennin, who regretted not to be able to attend the festivities. Mr. Roland talked about the economic problems created in Pennsylvania as well as in Belgium by the closure of the coal mines and the relocation of some of the glass factories. He mentioned that Belgium is overcoming its problems through aggressive diversification efforts especially on the international scene. Mr. Roland invited the city

officials present to look for economic ties with Belgium in general and its French community in particular in an effort to diversify the local economy.

Father Ducat then officially declared the exhibit open. The interest was very rewarding with several hundred visitors those very first days. Most of them mentioned to be of Belgian descent and were so happy to have a chance to visit with people from “overthere”. Some older ladies and gentlemen dug deep into their memories and addressed us in French and sometimes in their Walloon dialect. We handed out many Belgian Researchers brochures and hope to enrich our organization with new members.

Charleroi PA didn’t cease to amaze us: it proudly invited the whole delegation and all the officials to a beautiful dinner hosted by and given at The Belgian Club house.

Gifts were exchanged by the city officials from both Charlerois and the organizing committees. The Centennial Committee and the Chamber of Commerce presented gifts to all the visitors from Belgium, all of this of course with the necessary presentation and thank-you speeches. Special mention should be made of John Oates slaving in the Club’s hot kitchen to prepare and serve this dinner to the around seventy five participants.

Some more comments about the local Belgian Club: although there are few Belgians left in the area, the Belgian Club is still a favorite in town, with its membership mainly consisting of Italian and other nationals. The atmosphere however is true “Old Country”: above the door the insigna “Belgian Club”, inside a large horseshoe shaped bar, beer flowing from several brass spigots and good fellowship and laughter everywhere. In the back of the bar we were surprised to find an authentic old-world Jeu de Quilles, a remnant

of the past, even in Belgium!

Although we have played Bowling in several countries in the world (even in the former Belgian Congo..) this Jeu de Quilles or “Jeu de Gie” as it is sometimes called, we had never seen. There are only five “quilles”, lined up next to each other, facing the player. The balls are not round as expected but oval, like an American football; they are made of wood and encircled by metal bands, with a large hole for the hand and a sailer one for the thumb. To top it all, the ball is not rolled (couldn't be because of its shape) but thrown through the air, aimed at hitting as many quilles as possible at its landing. Although the ceiling is about 16 feet high it boasted numerous marks left by the ardent members of the Belgian Club bowling team, aiming a little too high and a little too passionately. This bowlingroom is a true remnant of Charleroi's past, its first settlers and their traditions: the granit steps leading to the room are well worn, the beaten-dirt floor is hard and solid, the room is very hot in the summer and cold in winter. In spite of the heat, we played a hand with the local pros... we didn't stand a chance with those experts, but we felt right at home with all these honest demonstrations of friendship and cordiality. We (Pierre and I) will be back, you can count on that! Where did this particular brand of bowling originate ?, who built this bowling alley? Nobody seems to know anymore ... it must be as old as the city...another centennial.

But I'm getting off the track... I'm commissioned by my husband to report on the centennial activities... So, let's go back to the fourth of July after this sumptuous dinner we retired to our motel, while the delegation was hosted at another reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hank, chief of Police in

Charleroi,PA. We enjoyed the cooling off in the motel's swimming pool, getting ready for the traditional fireworks, which were held at the shores of the beautiful Monongahela river. It was a fantastic display, bigger and nicer than the ones we are used to in our Far Western part of the US. Fire danger is omnipresent here in our dry climate. Our congratulations to the organizing committee, the city officials and the local police force. The fireworks represented a real tribute to Charleroi's centennial.

The next day Father Ducat, his associates and the Inghels accompanied Jean-Pierre Roland on a visit to other glass making cities of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, where thousands of Belgian glass workers settled in the late 1800's. After a short stop at the Houze Glass Corporation in Point Marion, PA we continued to Clatsburg, WV where we had the immense pleasure to meet and visit with our member Rene Zabeau. Rene is a remarkable person. He was vice-president of the West Virginia State Federation of Labor and served in the West Virginia State Legislature. This is how he explains his involvement with politics himself:

“With a name like Zabeau . I don't see how I could make it. I guess I ran more or less to get them (those who urged him to run for election) off my back and, I guess, I halfway wanted to do it. I had just organized a laundry-workers union. They wanted to pay - but I wouldn't take it. Instead, they sent a truckload of Castille-soap with a slogan on the wrapper “For a clean honest government, elect Rene Zabeau. I passed out my soap and got elected”.

Rene was contacted by President John F.Kennedy, who recognized Rene's involvement and dedication for the workers, to serve on his staff, at

first Rene declined the offer to be able to serve out his term on the State legislature. Later he effectively joined Kennedy's staff. It was an honor and a pleasure to meet you, Rene! we are looking forward to have many more contacts with you. Our visit was way too short. We trust that you are organizing a very active BAHA group in WV!

After this very rewarding visit, we went our individual ways: Father Ducat and associates visited other glass towns, the Inghels wanted to explore more of the state. Great was our surprise, when after some miles, we encountered a road sign: BELGIUM-unincorporated

This was just before reaching Grafton, WV. Our curiosity awakened, we stopped at the only store in this isolated area to inquire about the history of the sign. Referred to a retired schoolteacher Mr. Charles CATHER we were told that this sign was the result of years of tenacious insistence on the part of a certain Mr. Gauthrop (spelling uncertain) who built three houses on the spot, in true Ardenese architecture out of "pierres du pays" or "local rocks" and petitioned years on end to have his hamlet named "Belgium" after his homeland. We would be very interested to find out more about this stubborn fellow country man. Who can help?

We drove back to Charleroi very late, through a heavy but welcome thunder storm. This brought us some respite from the heat.

Sunday the 8th of July. We attended high mass at St Jerome Catholic Church, with Father John Marcucci officiating pastor, Father Jean Ducat and Father Ralf Hoffmann co-celebrants. Marcel Brassar assisted and Roger Dardenne read the Scriptures.

After the service, the three Belgian delegates presented St Jerome Parish with a large brass memorial plaque from St Christophe Parish in Charleroi Belgium.

But this was not the only church in town that received greetings and congratulations from the sister church in Belgium: immediately after the service in St Jerome Catholic Church, we went all together to the Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church on top of the hill, where the service was just coming to an end. The Pastor of this Church, Father John G. Petro, had studied at the University of Louvain La Neuve in Belgium for many years. Here again the three delegates from Charleroi, presented the Parish a beautifully embroidered Stole and a magnificent enameled icon, a gift from the Byzantine Church community in Charleroi Belgium. Both gestures were very moving illustrations of the deep ties that bind these two communities in spite of the distances. Thank you, Peoples of Charleroi/B and Charleroi/PA!

One more interesting note about Charleroi/PA: with a population of roughly 11,000, the variety of churches reflect the ethnic variety of the city. There are two Roman Catholic Churches in Charleroi, as well as a Catholic Byzantine Church (Ukrainian) and a Greek Catholic Church; there is also an Eastern-Orthodox Church besides the more traditional protestant churches.

Each of these ethnic groups took part in the Centennial celebrations with individual events on the Charleroi Chamber Fields, along the Monongahela.

A Super Centennial Parade took place on July 11th. 400 Shriners from PA, WV, MD and OK, 15 bands, floats, marching Units, the Scottish Highlanders and many others participated in the biggest parade in the history of Charleroi, sponsored by the Town.

I cannot close this official report on the Centennial activities without mentioning some spontaneous unplanned

treats that came our way.

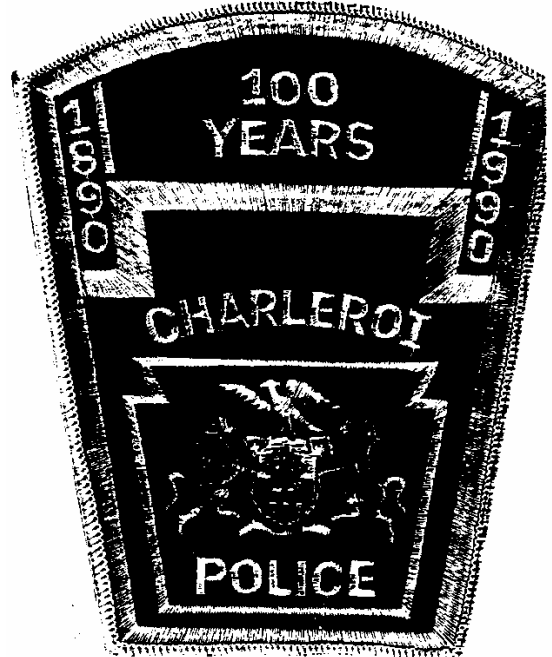
With this I mean the day we were invited by Emil Delestienne (BAHA Pittsburgh) and his daughter Doria for a day trip to the Amish country in Ohio the great afternoon we spent Sunday in the shade of the patio of the beautiful home of John and Liz McGinley followed by a refreshing hand ball game in their swift pool, accompanied ofcourse by the traditional refreshments... Spending our last night in Pennsylvania as guests of the Delestiennes, we had a chance to meet our member Marlene Whitehair and her family. Thank you friends, for your consideration and your hospitality!

We are back in La Grande, more convinced than ever through the contacts we made, that The Belgian Researchers fills a need across the nation to bind people of like ancestry together.

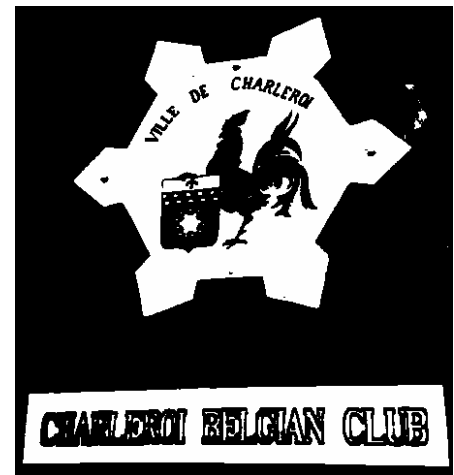
Remember: BEING BELGIAN IS BEAUTIFUL!



Dedication of the Charleroi exhibit  
Pierre L. Inghels, Father Ralph Hoffmann, Jean-Pierre Roland,  
Father Jean Ducat, Roger Dardenne



The new Police Patch from Charleroi



The Belgian- Club

## THE GRAND-LEEZ VISITORS

On June 14, twenty-two people from the area of Grand-Leez, Belgium, arrived at O'Hare Airport, Chicago, and were escorted to Green Bay, Wisconsin for a week-long visit. With the exception of the leader of the group, L'Abbe Jean Ducat, none had ever visited Wisconsin before. They came, principally, to see the place settled by emigrants from Grand-Leez, the village of Lincoln in Kewaunee County.

The visitors were housed by members of the Peninsula Belgian-American Club. Their stay included a bus tour of the Brown-Kewaunee-Door County area known as the Belgian settlement: visits to the Oneida Nation Museum; Heritage Hill State Park where a 1905 vintage Belgian farm has been reconstructed (along with other historic buildings); and to St. Norbert Abbey at De Pere. They also spent one day on a bus tour to the old northern Wisconsin logging centers of Laona and Rhinelander. An added attraction was a stop at the Menominee Nation Casino in Keshena.

A big celebration took place on Sunday, June 17. A Catholic Mass was concelebrated at St. Peter's Church, Lincoln, by the pastor Rev. Dennis Drury, the four visiting priests from Belgium, and Rev. Samuel Jadin, O.Praem, chaplain for the Belgian Club. Rev. Henri Defosse, curé of St. Amand's Parish in Grand-Leez, presented a gold chalice and paten to the parishioners of St. Peter's, as a memorial to the original settlers, from his present-day congregation. More than 125 persons attended a dinner following the Mass and enjoyed the entertainment presented there.

Genealogy played a part in this visit, too, as Rev. Robert Folon, who lives in Namur, Belgium, was able to make contact with Leurquin-Bournonville relatives in Green Bay; Mrs. Aurelie Radart, an avid genealogist from Dhuy, Belgium, found considerable information on Radart ancestors; and Father Ducat's two sisters, Marie Antoinette Rochet-Ducat and Ginette Nadin-Ducat, met their cousins for the first time.

The group returned to Chicago on June 22. From there they flew to Buffalo, New York, and on to Canada before their vacation ended June 29/30.

## OFF TO BELGIUM

Twenty-nine members of the Peninsula Belgian-American Club left July 15 for a biennial exchange trip to Belgium. For some, it was their tenth visit; for others, a first-time trip. At this writing the group is still in Belgium where, we expect, they have been warmly received by members of the Wallonie-Wisconsin Society as they have since the exchanges began in 1974.

## BELGIAN EMIGRANTS — 5th of a series

### Maleves-Ste. Marie-Wastinnes

Henri DECREMER; his wife Ursula DUPUIS; and children Pierre, Jean Joseph, Henri Joseph, Floriant, Charles Joseph, Victor Joseph, and Anne Marie; left 18 August 1855;

Pierre DELLIS; his wife Francoise LAMBLOT; and children Philomene, Jules, Laurent, Marie Victoire, Pierre Joseph, Jean Louis, Charles Antoine, and Victor Joseph; left 29 September 1855;

Antoine ROUER; his wife Marie Therese BAUMONT; their children Julienne and Clement Joseph; left 10 March 1855;

Jean Joseph LEMENAGER, born at Opprebais; and children, born at Wastinnes, Francois Xavier, Dieudonne, Eugene, Camille, and Celinie, Francois Xavier left 10 June 1856; the others, 15 March 1857; to Illinois; Annmarie RAVET, a widow, and daughter Maximillienne LIROUX; with Clementin Joseph and Anne Marie SENTÉ; left 28 February 1856.

#### Autre-Eglise

Jacques FIVIDEVEUR; left in 1855;

Desire CORBET; his wife Therese MALAISE, born at Aische-en-Refail; and their children Florence, Marie Therese, Julie, Eugene, Victorine, Celestin, and Francois Joseph; left 20 February 1856;

Martin MOTTART; his wife Therese FRESSON, born at Jauche, and their daughter, Theresa; left 1 October 1855; Joseph HOUGARDY; and three daughters, Fulvie Joseph, Marie Antoinette, and Hortense Joseph; left 30 March 1856;

Pierre Joseph CARPIAUX; his wife Julie Joseph BENOIT; and two children, Josephine and Eloi.

#### Mont St. Andre

Pierre Joseph EVRARD; his wife Marie Therese BAYE, born at Grand-Rosiere; their children Joseph, Alphonse, and Victor; left 27 March 1856;

Hortense and Justine MARTIN, both born at Grand-Rosiere;

Jean Joseph CHANGELON; his wife Rose MELON, born at Branchon; and their children Henri, Victoire. Jesn Joseph, Marie Theresa, Floert, Gaspar Joseph, Victor Joseph, and Angeline Joseph; left 16 April 1856;

Henriette BACCUS-CHARLIER, widow; and her children Rosalie, Honore, Josephine, Marie Joseph, Henriette, Adrienne, Augustine, and Marie Louise.

Honore left 26 February 1856; the others, 15 April 1857;

Leopold FLAMANT; left 26 February 1856.

Pierre Joseph MATHY; his wife Marie Therese EVRARD; and children Antoinette, Louise, Henri, Rosalie, and Augustin Joseph; and a brother of Marie Therese, Charles Joseph EVRARD; all left 26 February 1856;

Marie Anne DACHELET-GHEYNE; and three children Julien, Marcellin, and Rosalie Joseph; left 18 June 1856;

Pierre Joseph DESTECHE, born at Huppaye; his wife Josephine EOUCHER, born at Ramillies; and their daughter Rosalie; left 26 February 1856.

#### Archennes

Pierre Joseph BEAUFAX, born at Grez-Doiceau; his wife Marie Francoise SOCQUET, born at Nethen; and children, all born at Archennes, Pierre Joseph Desire, Marie Sylvie, Charlotte Josepine, and Jean Joseph;

Jean Joseph MOENS; his wife Marie Henriette VERCAMMEN, born at Bossut-Gottechain; their children Virginie, Edmond Leopold Gregoire, Jean Francois, Englebert Joseph, and Marie Emerence;

Jean Louis Desire PIRLET<sup>1</sup>; his wife Jeanne Marie BREDÆEL; and two daughters Anne Catherine and Marie Eugenie; Wife and girls born at Ottenbourg;

Christophe VAES; his wife Jeanne Josephe Sidonie PIGEON, born at Grez-Doiceau; and daughter Marie Isabelle; Jean Francois Corneille BREUGDE.

Note: For the most part, these lists are made up from Population Registers in Belgium.

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<sup>1</sup> Married 16 May 1850, Ottenbourg, Brabant, Belgium – Jeanne Marie BREDÆEL b 16 Feb 1829, Ottenbourg, daughter of Philippe (from Ottenbourg) and Marie Elisabeth VAN DER GOOTEN (Ste Gudule, Brussels); Anne Catherine PIRLET b Ottenbourg 28 Mar 1850, Marie Eugenie PIRLET b Ottenbourg 16 Nov 1852.

## BELGIANS FOUND IN THE 1906 BOSTON PASSENGER LIST

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by Micheline Gaudette

PERRIN Emile 23	French ?S -	MARQUETTE	Ant	Mar	8	Mar	23
PICARET Philomen 28,	St. Nikla husband John PICARET	MEMPHINEE	Ant	Oct	4	Oct	15
PROECKHOVEN Marie 32, Franciscus 10, Joanna 8, Antonius	Antwerp husband L. PROECKHOVEN, Boston Ma.	MANITOU	Ant	Nov	1	Nov	12
PROVOYEUR Blanche 28	Waterloo husband ..PROVOYER, Woonsocket R.I.	IVERNIA	Liv	Nov	13	Nov	22
PUREYT Henri, 27, laborer	Ledegem bro. Camille PUREYT, Superior, Wi.	IVERNIA	Liv	Feb	6	Feb	15
RASQUIN Louis, plumber	Gentbrugge bro. Theo RASQUIN, Chelsea, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Aug	21	Aug	30
REIGLIER Frans, 21, tailor	Eeklo Alois VAN DER GINST, Kewanee, Ill	MANITOU	Ant	Sep	20	Oct	1
RENNERY Joseph, 32, laborer	Belgium Lowell, Ma.	LAURENTIA	GLA	Sep	28	Oct	7
RENTHEESTERS Petrus 35	Herzele? Emm. DE RUITER Green Bay Wi.	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar	20	Mar	29
REYNIERS Desire, 31, farmer	Maldegem uncle Theodor SANDAET, Joslyn, Ill.	MANITOU	Ant	Sep	20	Oct	1
ROBAKOWSKY Ludwig 18	Wetteren b.in.l. Tetofil DWIEROSYMSKI Toledo	SAXONIA	Liv	May	15	May	24
ROGIER Emile 27, Melanie 26, Julien 3, Cyrille 4/12	Geraardsb returning to Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Oct	2	Oct	11
ROMAIN Henri 34 mason	Herzele? friend Emm. DERUITER, Green Bay Wi.	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar	20	Mar	29
ROMAIN Martin 35	Herzele? friend Emm. DERUITER Green Bay Wi.	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar	20	Mar	29
RONDELEZ Emile 23, weaver	Roeselare cousin Camille HARSEUX, Lawrence Ma	SAXONIA	Liv	Sep	4	Sep	13
ROECKX August Philémon, 36,	Geraardsb Petras St. Ferfele, Chelsea, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Jul	24	Aug	2
RUMET Jean 29, baker	Liege/For Hubert GERIN Woonsocket, R.I.	MANITOU	Ant	Nov	1	Nov	12
RYNENBURG Frans 31, cigarmaker	Antwerp friend Edward JOTTE? Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	May	1	May	11
SABALIN Marie 35 seamstress	Hallium Lawrence Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Sep	4	Sep	13
SAMYN Marie, rejected at Liverpool	-	IVERNIA	Liv	Aug	21	Aug	30
SAP Irma 25, Henri 3, Marie 6/12	Roubaix ? husband Soraphis SAP Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar	20	Mar	29
SCHMIDS Joseph	Antwerp b.in l. Fran. DENEVE, New Bedford,	SAXONIA	Liv	May	15	May	24
SCHNELS Eugene, 40, spinner	Houbois friend Henry VAN BEVER? Woonsocket,	REPUBLIC	Liv	Aug	3	Aug	11
SCHOONEJANS Leopold, 26 cigarmaker, Vinie 27, Georges 9	?? Boston, Ma.	MARQUETTE	Ant	Sep	6	Sep	17
SCHUITENIER August 38 cigarmaker	Geraardsb Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Feb	6	Feb	15
SCHUYTENEER Jean B. 31, cigarmaker	Geraardsb bro. A. DE SCHUYTENEER, Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Nov	13	Nov	22
SEBAST: Saturn, 32, minister	-	SAXONIA	Liv	Jun	12	Jun	21
SERNES Albert, 18 cigarmaker	Ghent (cr parents in Boston, Ma.	MANITOU	Ant	Aug	9	Aug	20
SEVENANT Camille, 25 farmer	Korsmark? uncle C. CLAYS Seattle Wa.	MEMPHINEE	Ant	Aug	23	Sep	3
SIMON Alphonse 62, farmer, Josephine 60	Montigny returning to Green Bay, Wi.	SAXONIA	Liv	Oct	2	Oct	11
SIX Pauline, 23, cigarmaker	Viane husband Anton, Boston, Ma.	MEMPHINEE	Ant	Jun	28	Jul	9
SNELDERS Genie 45, Marie 10, Christina	Antwerp husband John SNELDERS, Boston	MANITOU	Ant	Sep	20	Oct	1
STEENKISTE Alphonse 41 weaver	Little bro. Arthur VAN STEENKISTE Lawrence	IVERNIA	Liv	May	1	May	11
STEVENS Jos. 27, cousin Victor STEVENS 31	Geraardsb bro. Louis STEVENS, Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Jun	25	Jul	5
T'SAMPERS Camille 39 fishdealer, Stephanie 39, Jos.20, A	Wathelos bro. Arthur T'Sampers	MARQUETTE	Ant	Apr	19	May	1
T'KIND Leo, 38, joiner, Augustie 30, Omer 4, Yvonne 11 m	Nevele friend Pierre SCHAUROESE, South Ben	MARQUETTE	Ant	Sep	6	Sep	17
TYTGAT Joseph 28, typograph	Brussels/ Achille FLEITSJERS, N.Y.	MANITOU	Ant	Sep	23	Oct	1
UENNAEST? Leopold 23, cigarmaker	Geraardsb cousin Emil PUS---?Chelsea, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Nov	13	Nov	22
VAEL? Alphonse 24, weaver	Antwerp friend Peter FLES...	IVERNIA	Liv	Oct	16	Oct	24
VAN BAKEL Francois, 19, cigarmaker	Antwerp bro. Peter VAN BAKEL, Boston	IVERNIA	Liv	Jul	24	Aug	2
VAN BAST Richard 33, Julie 31	Rosse b.in.l. Adolph DE FOOST Woonsocket,	SAXONIA	Liv	Oct	2	Oct	11
VAN CAULLIE R....16	Roeselare ?	IVERNIA	Liv	Aug	21	Aug	30
VAN COILLIE Emile, 18	Hallium Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Jun	12	Jun	21
VAN COILLIE Marie 26	? uncle Jules GALLE Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar	20	Mar	29
VAN COPENOLLE Charles 30, Marie 28	Herseaux b-in-l VERMEISCH, Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Jun	12	Jun	21
VAN DANNE Servaes 28	Moerbeke friend Hippolite WILLANS	SAXONIA	Liv	Sep	4	Sep	13
VAN DE MAELEN Benoit 28 cigarmaker	Geraardsb friend Charles CLEMENT, Chelsea, Ma	SAXONIA	Liv	Oct	2	Oct	11
VAN DEN BOSSCHE Camille 29, weaver, Caroline 30	Roubaix ( Providence, R.I.	ARABIC	Liv	Sep	14	Sep	22
VAN DENBORE Louis 30, spinner	Belgium friend Adolphe DEPRAETERE, Woonsock	SAXONIA	Liv	Jan	23	Feb	1
VAN DENCASSEYER Victor, 24, cigarmaker	Geraardsb bro. F. VANDENCASSEYEN, Chelsea, Ma	SAXONIA	Liv	Aug	7	Aug	16
VAN DENDRIESCHE Remy 20, farm laborer	Belgium friend Isidore GORMAN Detroit Mi.	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar	20	Mar	29
VAN DEPUT Frans 35 baker	Herzele? bro. Willem VANDEPUT Green Bay Wi	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar	20	Mar	29
VAN DERGHYNT Raphael, 19, clerk	Rosse Woonsocket, R.I.	SAXONIA	Liv	Oct	2	Oct	11
VAN DERHEULEN Jean B., 27, joiner	Mouscron friend H. LERUISK?, Woonsocket R.I.	MARQUETTE	Ant	Oct	18	Oct	29
VAN DEVELDE August, 37,	Avelgem b-in-l A. LOETE Moline	IVERNIA	Liv	May	29	?	
VAN DOME? Edward, 50? Weaver	Roubaix? Lawrence, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Jan	9	Jan	19
VAN DOORNE Pierre 49, weaver, Maria CARLIER VANDORNE	Roubaix, Lawrence, Ma.	MANITOU	Ant	Sep	20	Oct	1

	LAST RESIDENCE	GOING TO	SHIP	FRO DATE	ARRIVED BOSTON
DURNE Theophile, 26, tailor,	Avergem	Cousin Gustav WILLERONGEL? Kewanee,	SAXONIA	Liv Aug 7	Aug 16
EN DYCK Euphrase 40, servant	Brugge	friend Arthur BLAKE, Brookline, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 2	Oct 11
VAN EENDO Camil 45 mason, Louise 34, Cyrille 18, Marie 17.	Roeselare	bro. Auguste VAN EENDO Detroit, Mi.	IVERNIA	Liv Aug 21	Aug 30
VAN BAETHEN Camiel, 28, cigarmaker	Geraardsb	cousin Gustave WICHELER, Chelsea,	IVERNIA	Liv Jun 25	Jul 5
VAN GUYSE Louis 27, cigarmaker	Ghent	b.in J. A. DEGROOTE	IVERNIA	Liv May 1	May 11
VAN HULLE Edmond	Daankeke	Ch. MEINICK Mishawaka, In	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
VAN LAETHEN Camille 24, Germaine 11/12	Geraardsb	husband C. VAN LAETHEN	MARQUETTE	Ant Nov 29	Dec 11
VAN LIEFFERINGEN Collette, 26, Richard 6,	Geraardsb	husband, Chelsea, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 2	Oct 11
VAN MOTKERQUE Auguste, 26, spinner	LaMaliere	cousia Louis VANDEVILLE, Woonsocket	IVERNIA	Liv Jun 25	Jul 5
VAN NUILLEN Alfred, 25, cigarmaker	Geraardsb	Alfred DRUAL, Boston	IVERNIA	Liv Jul 24	Aug 2
VAN PICHTEL Jan 28 cigarmaker, Lucie 25	Antwerp	stepbro. M. VAN GANTVOORT Boston	MARQUETTE	Ant Apr 19	May 1
VAN RENDERSHEN Marie, 29 domestic	R.H. Jose	friend Mrs. TREUTSEAU, Boston, Ma.	MARQUETTE	Ant Oct 18	Oct 29
VAN RIET Rosalie, 22, machine braider	St. Nikla	husband Peter VAN RIET, Boston	MEMONINEE	Ant Jun 28	Jul 9
VAN STEENKESTE Oskiel, 19 laborer	Sinte	friend Jules LAPPERE, Superior, Wi.	IVERNIA	Liv Jun 25	Jul 5
VAN STRATUM Henri 24, cigarmaker	Antwerp	uncle P. LAUREYSSENS	MARQUETTE	Ant Mar 8	Mar 23
VAN STRATUM Jacob 20	Antwerp	uncle P. LAUREYSSENS	MARQUETTE	Ant Mar 8	Mar 23
VAN VAERENDERSHE Albert 7, travel with BATSELEIR M. cros	-	-	SAXONIA	Liv Sep 4	Sep 13
VAN VANBEKE Theodore, cigarmaker	Ghent	Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 2	Oct 11
VAN WOOTEL Edmond 29 cigarmaker	St. Nikla	home in Boston, Ma.	MEMONINEE	Ant Oct 4	Oct 15
VAN WYNBEER Henri 45 gardner	Lichterwe	Detroit Mi	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
VARLEE Cyrille 26 cigarmaker	Geraardsb	friend Frank ROZIER, Chelsea, Ma	SAXONIA	Liv Feb 20	Mar 2
VERBEKE Carl 31	Ghent	cousin E. HUYGE Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv May 1	May 11
VERBEKE Gentil, 25 cigarmaker	Antwerp	bro. Charles VERBEKE, Boston, Ma.	REPUBLIC	Liv Aug 3	Aug 11
VERCAUTEREN Jean, 22 cigarmaker	Antwerp	nephew P. NOENINCKX Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Jan 23	Feb 1
VERCAUTEREN Louise, 22	Antwerp	husband Jan VERCAUTEREN	MANITOU	Ant Aug 9	Aug 20
VERDEGHEM Pet. 29 miller, Clara 25, Maurice 2	Ur????	bro. VERDEGHEM, Holland, Mi.	IVERNIA	Liv Apr 3	Apr 12
VERDONCK Elisa, 28	Torhout/	husband Alex VERDONCK, Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Aug 21	Aug 30
VERDONCK Alois 30 cigarmaker	Antwerp	friend F. VAN SAKEL Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
VERDUYN Ad. 35, weaver	Waterloos	sister H. ROMELARE, Lawrence	MEMONINEE	Ant Aug 23	Sep 3
VERHELLE Victor 24 carpenter	Lichterwe	Oscar LAUSSENS Delray Mi.	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 28	Mar 29
VERHEYDEN Joseph, coalminer	Camers?	friend Victor DAMIU Amherst, Nova Sc	IVERNIA	Liv Mar 6	Mar 16
VERHEYEN Auguste 46 weaver, Victor 19	Roubaix	son Marcel Verheyen Holyoke, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
VERMEESCH Jules 23	Lichterwe	cousin Cyriel ROOZE Detroit	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
VERMEESCH Victor 20, Marie	Torhout?	Detroit Michigan	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
VERPOOSE Charles, 36	Meenen	Duluth, Minn.	SAXONIA	Liv Jun 12	Jun 21
VERSPEELT Albert, 28, cigarmaker	Ghent	friend O. DE SCHOUTEUCER? Boston, M	SAXONIA	Liv Aug 7	Aug 16
VERVINK Henri 34 miner	Jemeppe	Cumberland Wy., deported	SAXONIA	Liv Apr 17	Apr 26
VIEREN Alexander 26, mason	Mouscron	bro. Joseph VIEREN, Woonsocket, R.I	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 30	Nov 8
VINCENT Dieudonne 43, woolgoods	Wasq....F	friend Pierre CAPELLE MANLET Woonso	MANITOU	Ant May 3	May 14
VLAMINCK Arthur, 27, cigarmaker	Geraardsb	friend Joseph BEYZEN, Boston	IVERNIA	Liv Feb 6	Feb 15
WANQUEIR Irma 33	Roubaix	husband Polydore WANQUEIR Lawrence	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 15	May 24
WAUQUIEN Edward 36 weaver	Werwick?	cousin Camille DE HULLEN?	SAXONIA	Liv Feb 20	Mar 2
WAUTERS Ferdinand 34 cigarmaker	Antwerp	Henri WISSENS Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
WEFELIOS Van 25, shipmate?	Belgium	-	BOSTONIAN	Man Feb 27	Mar 14
WEYN Flore 29 cigarmaker. Elen. 25 & 2 children	St. Nikla	bro. Jos. WEYN Boston, MA.	SAXONIA	Liv Apr 17	Apr 26
WEYN, Louisa 22, Hector 2,	St. Nikla	husband David, Boston, Ma.	MARQUETTE	Ant Jul 12	Jul 23
WILLEMS Frank, 22 tailor,	Antwerp	bro. Jos. WILLEMS, Boston	IVERNIA	Liv Aug 21	Aug 30
WITTEPOUGEL? Gustav, 31	Ghent	Kewano, Wi.	SAXONIA	Liv Jun 12	Jun 21
WOLTER Lambert 38, bl. smith, Geraldine, Mag, Mar, Guil,	Romsee/Ne	uncle Hubert GUERIN, Woonsocket R.I	MANITOU	Ant Nov 1	Nov 12
WOUTERS Marie, 34, Angeline 12, Emile 9,	Antwerp	Husband C. WOUTERS	MARQUETTE	Ant Jul 12	Jul 23
WYCKHUIS Henri 33	Daankeke	bro. Camiel WYCKHUIS Detroit	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
WYFFELS Felix 47	Roubaix	friend Louis LANDUYT Olneyville RI	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
WYN David cigarmaker (Hebrew)	St. Nikla	bro. Jos. WYN, Boston	CYPRIC	Liv Feb 1	Feb 10
WYTTERSCHOUTS Aloise, 29, clergyman	Oostaker	Newton, Ma. Industrial School	MARQUETTE	Ant May 31	Dec 25

Liv = Liverpool; Man = Manchester; Ant = Antwerp; Gla = Glasgow; Lon = London;

## BELGIUM'S PLAN FOR THREE-PART STATE IS AIMED AT CURBING REGION RIVALRIES.

By Linda Bernier,  
Staff Reporter of the Wall Street Journal

Imagine that tiny Belgium, 11,783 square miles, with a population of less than 10 millions, sending a trade mission to China. But rather than one Belgian foreign-trade minister, there are three. On the first day the Chinese met with the minister from Flanders. The next day it is the minister from Wallonia; the third day, the minister from Brussels.

This, and anomalies involving pollution, public works and other laws, could become reality. In one of the most far-reaching constitutional changes in its 160 years history, the Belgian Parliament a year ago, voted to turn the country into a three-part federal state within 10 years.

The aim is to end the old age squabbling between the Dutch-speaking Flemish community and French-speaking Walloon community. The feuding all too often makes government ineffective and expensive. This is only the latest in a 20-year series of constitutional revisions meant to resolve the problem.

Under the new plan, economic and political power will be transferred from the central government to the local governments from Flanders and Wallonia and to a new region for Brussels, the capital, which has both Flemish and Walloon constituents.

Most Belgians seem to support the federal concept in hopes it will resolve the rivalry. Yet many are also concerned about how it is being implemented. They say the measures are too complicated, too cumbersome and don't adequately define the new relationships among the regional governments and between them and what is left of the national

government. Supporters hope the changes will prevent paralyzing new disputes between two communities of the sort that have toppled numerous recent governments. Belgium is still reeling from the last crisis, set off more than a year ago by the refusal of the rambunctious mayor of a tiny French-speaking town in Flanders to speak Dutch. After new national elections, it took six months to put together the present center-left government.

Giving each region responsibility for its own economy could lead to a more equitable and efficient distribution of Belgium's limited resources, proponents say. By making regions directly responsible for their economies it is thought, they will become more frugal and depend less on central government subsidies.

The new system took effect Jan. 17 1989. It turned over responsibilities representing about 40% of the national budget to Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels. The regions have power over their own foreign trade; Communications transportation, excluding the national airlines and railways; public works, including roads and ports; and economic affairs, including industrial, environmental and energy policy.

Responsibility for education and culture is being transferred to the separate French and Flemish communities, quasi-government bodies representing linguistic groups across regional borders.

The national government retains responsibility for foreign affairs, defense, monetary policy and social security. Using its prime

responsibility for fiscal policy, the national government will allocate revenue to each region based on its income-tax contributions. Economically troubled Wallonia will receive supplementary grants for the 10-years transition.

Each region will be assigned responsibility for part of the national debt and within five years will have authority to raise or lower income taxes.

Belgium's federal system may seem rational on paper, but critics say there are still many gaps. Transferring more power to regions worries bankers. For one thing, it will end risk-free state guarantee for financing the public debt. Instead, the less-than-sovereign regions will be responsible. This means "borrowing rates will rise, and regional debt issues will be less attractive to institutional investors than national debt issues," says Peter PRAET, chief economist of Belgium's Generale de Banque.

The new measures will be costly. Some say they will add 150 billion Belgian Francs, (about \$4.5 billion) to the combined national Belgian budget when the transition period ends in the year 2000.

This comes as the government is trying to trim the country's 6.37 trillion Belgian francs national debt and reduce its 433.9 billion Belgian francs budget deficit.

The greatest fear is that the economic gap between Wallonia and Flanders will widen. For most of its national history Belgian politics was dominated by the French-speaking South, its industrial heartland. But as the elderly steel and metallurgy industries declined all over Europe in the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Wallonian economy likewise began to wane.

The Flemish, meanwhile, lacking an industrial base, turned to smaller, more entrepreneurial business ventures in high technology industries and services. Thus Flanders flourished while Wallonia floundered, plagued with unemployment and industrial restructuring.

Federalism may aggravate Wallonia's problems, critics say. With less central-government aid and lower income than Flanders, Wallonia may have a growing debt and reduced revenue for public services. It might have to raise taxes just to maintain basic services.

Addition to passenger list of "SS David HOADLEY" From Antwerp to N.Y, 17 April 1856. Captain: I.N MAGNA.  
by Betty Eddins

L, From Luxemburg.	B,	from	Belgium.				
Farm, Farmer.							
16. Jean KUHN	29 M	Farm	L	348. L. FLEURUS	40 M	Farm	B
17. A. KUHN	24 W		L	349. N. DEHAN	43 M	Farm	B
18. Nicolas KIRCHEN	20 M	Farm	L	350. N. LEGRAND	50 M	Farm	B
19. Pierre BLAU	35 M	Farm	L	351. Jean B PEETERS	58 M	Farm	B
20. Maria BLAU	35 W		L	352. Marie PEETERS	36 W		B
21. Catharina BLAU	11 Girl		L	353. Pierre PEETERS	18 B		B
22. Marguerite MULLE	19 W		L	354. Jean PEETERS	16 B		B
23. Maria RIES	21 W		L	355. Petronella PEETER	13 G		B
254. Jean G. MICHOTTE	6 Boy		B	356. Jean F. COLLAERT	10 ½ B		B
255. Eugene MICHOTTE	4 Boy		B	357. Elisabeth PEETER	13 G		B
256. Jean B. MICHOTTE	2 Boy		B	358. Guillaume PEETER	7 G		B
257. Joseph FONZEN	52 M		B	359. Joseph PERLOT	58 M	Farm	B
308. Pierre KREMERS	24 M	Farm	L	360. Petronella PERLO	58		B
309. Nicolas LANDERS	24 M	Farm	L	361. Joseph SCHOVAER	18 M	Farm	B
345. 3 C DURIENE	24 M	Farm	B	362. Doctor DE BAVEE	27 M		B
346. C C DUQUENNE	22 M	Farm	B	364. Antoine GERTBLEU	35 M	Cook	B
347. J.C WATTIERS	26 M	Farm	B				

From and To... From and To... From and To... From and To...

From Shirley JOHNSON. I have already reaped benefits through BAHA, and made contact with a "Cousin" Marlen BRUTOUT-WHITEHAIR, in Pittsburgh PA. We have enjoyed sharing information, photographs, have long telephone conversations and look forward to meet each other. We haven't met before, but have relatives in common....

From Denise FRANSAER-CORKE. . I wrote to the name you gave me, Frans FRANSAER, he turned out to be my fourth cousin twice removed and had a lot of information on our FRANSAER family which he graciously shared with me... I also received information from Howard THOMAS of Washington, about my WELLEKENS and DE WAEL families... I hope that I can return the favor by helping some one else with their research...

From George JANSEN ...After my Dad and his brother came to America, from Saltbommel, Netherland, in the 1920's, they found themselves getting married in Oregon in 1934. My uncle Henry JANSEN married a Croatian woman and changed his name to JOHNSON. My Father married a Belgian Lady and changed his first name from Gerrit to George, but kept the name JANSEN... [ By the way, George and his wife Ginger have been working hard at their genealogie, many years of laboring and researches, with stays at Salt lake, and long days in the dust of the library. they have assembled a fantastic documentation, on all branches of their families. Enough to make most of our members jealous. P.I. ]

To Betty EDDINS . Yes we knew that the passenger list of the DAVID HOADLEY was incomplete. We published part of it in Belgian Laces edition 30/31/32/33 and 34 in 1985. We reproduced only the list of passengers from Belgium and Luxemburg as it was communicated to us. We are glad that you found an addition to this list, and print it in this newsletter.

From James E SMITH. I visited Charleroi, PA a few days ago, were they were celebrating their Centennial. I picked up your brochure about Belgian Laces and it aroused my interest. My maternal grandfather and grandmother were both Belgian emigrants around the 1900. Here is my check for 1990. [Let us know James if we can help you in any way? - Sorry we didn't meet in Charleroi last month.]

To Agnes SINNAEVE • In your last letter you write that your family came to Canada in the 1920, to raise tobacco. May we ask you to send us an article or notes about your family and the tobacco industry in your area? We would be happy to publish it.

From Don and Lois CARTER . Thank you for the VAN TOMME addresses you gave us. We received already one answer from Colorado, and wrote to Joel Van Tomme in Kortryk Belgium.... ( The Carter's have a lot of old, very old and interesting documents about their family. Many of those documents are in bad shape, really falling apart. They brought them over to us a few weeks ago and we helped to decipher them, with great success. One of their Belgian ancestors, served in the Dutch army in Indonesia in the mid 1800's and was decorated for his valiance. They will have the documents laminated and we will then translate them officially. Don, it would be really interesting for us if you could write a report about your discoveries for Belgian Laces !]

From Howard THOMAS. I've been on a search project for one of our members from Florida, Jean Masco (result of our item in Belgian Laces) which is requiring me to read almost three years of N.Y. passenger lists. Enclosed are extracts from 4 ships into N.Y. in 1886 and 1888 'SS Waesland' from Antwerp, 21 Sept 1888. "SS Rhyndland" from Antwerp, 23 Sept 1886. "SS Acapulco" from Aspinwall, UK, 18 Sept 1886. "SS Penland" from Antwerp 17 Sept 1886. I will be making further extracts as I progress... I hope all is well with you and you are surviving the heat... [ We are trying to, very hard!]

QUERIES... QUERIES... QUERIES... QUERIES... QUERIES... QUERIES...

At "The Belgian Researchers", we open a file for each query. When you send an answer to a member, may we ask you to send us also a copy of your answer, so that we would know the status of the research: update or close the file.

Thank you !

90/102 HELP !! — trying to identify a baby girl born in Jumet on 4 February 1916. I don't know the baby's name and I only know that the parents first names are Pierre and Marie. Maura BOURNIQUE, N.52d Str. MILWAUKEE WI 53208. (ndlr) Did you ever check the Jumet 1916 birth records microfilm at the Family History Center?

90/103 MARTIN. I have a very interesting long letter written Dec 1916, I would like to share with the family of Elisabeth MARTIN. Her address at that time was 48. Kilburn Str. Watsonville. CA. She was a niece of Gustave PETRUS. Audrey VANDERSYPEN, 3207, Hynson str. ALEXANDRIA LA 71301-5426.

90/104 THIBAUT;; GOFFAUX Need info about the THIBAUT and GOFFAUX families. Charles THIBAUT b. ca 1881 in Charleroi and his wife Julia Josephe GOFFAUX b. ca 1890 in Frasnes-lez-Gosselies. Denise FRANSAER-CORKE. 912 E. Locust str. WATSEKA IL 60970.

90/105 HEUSE. We would like to know if there are any HEUSE in the States. Please check your telephone directories and contact Brad RICA, 21 Brookside Dr. WILBRAHAM MA 01095.

90/106 LA RIVIERE. I would like to know the names of the parents and mar. date of Franciscus LARIVIERE or LA RUYERE, who died Beveren-Roeselaere in 1767. Oldest child was born Ruddervoorde. His widow Joanna DE CORTE remarried Louis BODDEN and moved away. Georges JANSEN. 126 W. Orchard Crt. RICHLAND WA 99352

90/107 RENARD. Jules RENARD, b. 20 Oct 1854, Belgium. Died KULPMONT PA , 5 May 1939. Need parents and emigration data. Also Louisa RENARD, died ca 1910 PA. Need date, place and burial. Shirley JOHNSON, 31323 Brandywine. GOBLES MI 49055.

Nous acceptons toute correspondance et demandes de renseignements en Français, mais les articles devraient être écrits en Anglais.

Wy nemen alle briefwisseling en vragen om inlichtingen aan in bet Nederlands, maar alle artikels zouden in het Engels moeten geschreven ttjn.

Wir nehmen alle Korrespondenz und Fragen auf Deutsch an, aber Berichte sollten auf Englisch geschrieben sein.

Merci!

Wel bedankt!

Vielen Dank!

## **BELGIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE RELIGIOUS WELFARE OF THE US.**

By Henry C. BAYER

In every branch of activity, in every profession, be it humble or prominent, the Belgian immigrant is to be found. Of good habits, he is naturally inclined towards thrift, and even on a small earnings he succeeds in becoming prosperous; laborious and gifted with initiative, he does not know idleness; reliable, he is trusted by his employer; disciplined, he is absent from turbulent meetings and avoids dangerous associations; a law abiding citizen, his name is very seldom connected with crime or infringement of the rules of his adopted country. In spirit and in deed he shows himself a most desirable addition to the great American Republic.

Hundreds of highly educated and devoted Belgian priests came from the American College of Louvain to this country, and did most useful pioneer work in many states such as Michigan, Washington, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Indiana, Oregon, Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, etc., while Belgian missionaries were actively engaged in Christianizing, educating, and pacifying the Indian tribes.

Of the greatest importance, were the services rendered by Father Pierre-Jean DI SE?, 5.3. born at Termonde, Flanders, in 1801, he was admitted to the full order of the priesthood at St Louis, in 1823. During the forty-seven years of his mission in America he is said to have travelled 250,000 miles among the Indians. Throughout the immense regions of the west and northwest he was the great pacifier of the red man. Writers not of his faith, declare him the sincerest friend the Indians ever had.

He won the respect and confidence of both the White Man and the Red-skin, and frequently acted as intermediary between the American authorities and the Indian tribes, notably the Sioux.

The utility of Father De Smet's efforts was borne witness to both the Government of Washington and the American officers in command of troops in the West. An eloquent tribute to this Belgian missionary priest was paid by President HARDING, during his last and fatal journey in the Northwest, when he took occasion, in a speech, to extol the merits of rather De Smet and his co-workers, of any Christian creed, whose devoted efforts had contributed so materially to the opening up and development of the entire district, from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Coast.

Father De Smet died at St Louis in 1873. He was 72 years old.

It was from this latter city, as a base, that he carried on his work, extending over the whole of the region from the Mississippi to the Rocky Mountains, and even to the regions beyond. A town in Idaho and in South Dakota bear his name.

All the priests and missionaries who came to the U.S., had in view only the good of the country they had adopted. As Ministers of the Gospel they found their happiness in the welfare and betterment of the people, and their efforts and perseverance - which we cannot appreciate to their full extent - have had for result the establishment of a peaceful, honest and moral society from which emerged the contentment, comfort, and prosperity of the nation.